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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see page 4-7, and filed on 02/22/2010, with respect to prior art rejections, have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding to applicant's arguments for the 35 U.S.C. §103 rejection:

2. **Regarding to applicant argument on page 4**, line 3-5, applicant argues that "the present invention encapsulates the time slots in a data frame adjusted to be transferred in the packet switched network", and Kuehnel (prior art) is silent about above.

In response to applicant's argument, the examiner respectfully disagrees with the argument above.

As show in fig.1 time slots #3, #5 or #7 are encapsulated in packet #1 and will be transferred in to fig. 2, #13 which is a MPLS network (packet switch network).

3. **Regarding to applicant argument on page 4**, 3rd paragraph, applicant argues that current invention distinguish the inner and outer MPLS label, Kuehnel (prior art) does not, and argued examiner refer to Kuehnel's fig. 4B S15 to teach above limitation.

In response to applicant's argument, the examiner respectfully disagrees with the argument above.

As refer to office action mailed on 11/20/2009, examiner could not find any evidence that fig. 4B S15 has been used to teach any limitation.

4. **Regarding to applicant argument on page 5-6**, applicant repeatedly argues that current invention distinguish the inner and outer MPLS label, Kuehnel (prior art) does not, because fig. 1 #5 (the IP header as examiner refers to inner MPEL packet), is not an inner packet since an IP packet that is given an MPLS label when entering the MPLS network.

In response to applicant's argument, the examiner respectfully disagrees with the argument above.

Since the definition of inner MPLS given in claim 2 of current application and arguments filed on 02/22/2010 as "address a unique PCM system". Where IP header has an unique destination address, the only different is the name as one being IP header and another being inner MPLS label, and the functionality is the same, in addition, inner MPLS label is not a standard terminology and without further clarification, what does inner MPLS actually is, it can be consider equivalent as an IP header.

5. **Regarding to applicant argument on page 6-7**, applicant argues there is no reason to combine Kuehnel and Li.

In response to applicant's argument, the examiner respectfully disagrees with the argument above.

Please refer to MPEP 2143 (D) (G) "Basic Requirements of a Prima Facie Case of Obviousness"

The Supreme Court in *KSR International Co. v. Teleflex Inc.*, 550 U.S. ____, 82 USPQ2d 1385, 1395-97 (2007) identified a number of rationales to support a conclusion of obviousness which are consistent with the proper "functional approach" to the determination of obviousness as laid down in *Graham*. The key to supporting any rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 is the clear articulation of the reason(s) why the claimed invention would have been obvious. The Supreme Court in *KSR* noted that the analysis supporting a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 should be made explicit.

(D) Applying a known technique to a known device (method, or product) ready for improvement to yield predictable results.

(G) Some teaching, suggestion, or motivation in the prior art that would have led one of ordinary skill to modify the prior art reference or to combine prior art reference teachings to arrive at the claimed invention.

Kuehnel teaches every step in the method, and suggest transformation between circuit switch and packet switch ([0004-0005]), and on the output side, data can be output to either circuit or packet switch network as showed in fig. 4B, where packet is transferred from packet switch network to non-packet switch network. The only part Kuehnel missing is to use the term TDMA and PCM. But Li transfers data using those protocols ([0003, 0007-0008]).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fan Ng whose telephone number is (571) 270-3690. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday; 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi H. Pham can be reached on (571) 272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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